

on Thursday, July 11, at 3 p.m., to hold a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND  
MANAGEMENT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 11, 1996, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to consider S. 1738, a bill to provide for improved access to and use of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RETIREMENT OF COL. JOHN R.  
BOURGEOIS

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize the dedication, public service, and patriotism that has personified the career of Col. John R. Bourgeois, U.S. Marine Corps. Colonel Bourgeois will be retiring on July 11, after nearly 40 years in the Marine Corps and after 17 years as director of the U.S. Marine Band. On July 11, which marks the 198th birthday of the Marine Band, he will conduct his final concert as director of "The President's Own" at a change of command ceremony at Constitution Hall.

Colonel Bourgeois entered the Marine Corps in 1956 and after his recruit training was stationed in San Francisco as principal French hornist with the Department of the Pacific Marine Band. In 1958, he joined the U.S. Marine Band here in Washington, both as a French hornist and as an arranger.

He became the U.S. Marine Band operations chief in 1968; assistant director in 1974; and director in 1979. John Bourgeois was promoted to the rank of colonel in June 1983.

Col. John Bourgeois's career has spanned nine Presidential administrations, and he has regularly conducted both the Marine Band and the Marine Chamber Orchestra at the Executive Mansion. He has also selected the musical program and directed the band at the U.S. Capitol for four Presidential inaugurations.

As the 25th director of the Marine Band, Colonel Bourgeois has held the traditional post of music director of Washington's prestigious Gridiron Club, and composed the "Gridiron Centennial" march to honor the club's centenary in 1985. He is also the producer of the annual satirical productions of the Military Order of the Carabao, a distinguished organization of past and present members of our armed services who served in the Far East.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to bands and band music, both in the United States and abroad,

Colonel Bourgeois has been awarded the Medal of Sudler Order of Merit, and the Star of the Sudler Order of Merit from the John Phillip Sousa Foundation. He has also received the Phi Mu Alpha National Citation for service and dedication to music and country.

Colonel Bourgeois is president of the National Band Association and of the John Phillip Sousa Foundation. He is the past president of the American Bandmasters Association and the American vice president of the International Military Music Society. He is also a member of Washington's celebrated Alfalfa Club.

Under the colonel's leadership the Marine Band presented its first overseas performances in history, visiting the Netherlands, Ireland, Norway, England, and, in 1990, performing an historic 18 day concert tour of the former Soviet Union.

A Louisianan by birth, I am proud to say that John Bourgeois is a Virginian by choice. He resides for much of the year at his home in the beautiful Shandoah area of Little Washington.

John Bourgeois is a man of great musical achievement and outstanding intellectual qualities. I am honored to call attention to his distinguished career and to wish him well in retirement.●

ARMY BREAST CANCER RESEARCH  
PROGRAM

• Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, during the past 4 years, I have stood on the floor of the Senate many times to express my strong commitment for Federal support of breast cancer research. I have been joined by colleagues from both sides of the aisle, many whose lives have been personally touched by this deadly disease. Our voices have joined the millions of American families who have known all too well the real consequences of this indiscriminate killer.

In 1992, the Members of this Chamber heeded the message we sent about the inadequacies of Federal dollars provided to researchers to find the causes and cure of breast cancer. It was then that Senator HARKIN and I successfully transferred \$210 million from star wars to the Army Breast Cancer Research Program at the Department of Defense. Despite some formidable forces, an additional \$250 million has been appropriated for this successful program in the 4 years since that time.

This year, I rise to thank my colleagues for their continued support of the Army Breast Cancer Research Program, particularly Senator STEVENS for his leadership as the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. When we first began circulating the letter of support for the Army Breast Cancer Program to Members of the Senate, we were encouraged by the number of Senators who supported the program. But when we completed the process, we were extremely excited by the extraordinary support

expressed by 54 Senators, the largest number since the birth of this program.

Continued funding for the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Program is more critical now than ever. Over the past 2 years, there have been incredible discoveries at a very rapid rate that offer fascinating insights into the biology of breast cancer, such as the isolation of breast cancer susceptibility genes, and discoveries about the basic mechanism of cancer cells. These discoveries have brought into sharp focus the areas of research that hold promise and will build on the knowledge and investment we have made. The Army Breast Cancer Research Program has provided researchers with the tools to make these tremendous breakthroughs.●

TRIBUTE TO MERLE E. WOOD

• Mrs. FRAHM. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an outstanding Kansan, Merle Wood, who passed away earlier this week. Merle was a resident of Olathe, KS.

Merle spent the first 24 years of his career as a petty officer in the U.S. Navy, serving in both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He retired as the Navy's chief hospital corpsman.

After his first retirement, Merle served as a government relations representative for American Home Products. In 1972 he went to work for Marion Laboratories as director and then vice president of government affairs. In 1985 he was elected to Marion's board of directors. He retired from his second career in 1989 and embarked on his third career as vice president of government and consumer affairs for the Kansas City Royals.

Merle held leadership positions in many national organizations, including the American Quarter Horse Foundation, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the League of the United Latin American Citizens. He received the Legion of Merit and Lifetime Membership Award from the Military Society of Anesthesiology and was a member of the Association of Military Surgeons. He also belonged to the Andrew G. Morrow Society of Cardiovascular Surgeons, which created the Merle E. Wood Scholar Fellowship in his honor.

Mr. President, no one could meet Merle Wood without being charmed by his open personality and impressed by his wide-ranging knowledge. I extend my condolences to his wife, Ellen, and their children. Merle will be greatly missed by the Greater Kansas City community and all who knew him.●

JUNK GUN PROLIFERATION  
THREATENS POLICE OFFICERS

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, in March, I introduced legislation to prohibit the sale and manufacture of junk guns, or as they are also called, Saturday night specials. The importation of these cheap, easily concealable, and